Our objective: to fill your arsenal with <u>weapons</u> of <u>righteousness</u> that have the power to <u>demolish</u> Satan's <u>strongholds</u> against this beautiful discipline of Scripture memorization.

Why Memorize The Word of God?

- 1. Memorizing God's Word supplies spiritual power.
 - a. <u>Knowing</u> God's Word puts up a strong <u>defense</u> against <u>sin</u>.
 - b. It places the sword of the Spirit in our hands, so that, in a given moment, whether we have a

physical Bible on us or not, we can <u>drive off</u> temptation to sin.

- 2. Memorizing God's Word <u>deepens</u> our <u>understanding</u> of God and His will.
 - a. His words become <u>rooted</u> in our hearts and minds, readily available for <u>reflection</u> and <u>application</u> in our lives.
 - b. <u>Committing</u> Bible passages to memory puts them at our <u>fingertips</u> to encourage each other.
- 3. Memorizing God's Word makes us wise.
 - a. Scripture gives us wisdom for life.
 - b. It helps us give godly advice to those in need.

How to Memorize the Word of God?

- 1. First, <u>disregard</u> the devil telling you, you <u>can't</u> do it.
- 2. Start small.
 - a. <u>Pray</u> and ask God what to memorize and to <u>help</u> you do it.
- 3. Build <u>review</u> into your memorization plan.
- 4. Memorize scripture in <u>context</u>, <u>out loud</u>, and in <u>company</u>.

Counterarguing Excuses

1. I don't have a good memory.

Ask the Lord to do this for you!

2. It will take too much time.

The more Scripture begins to <u>transform</u> our priorities, the more we will want to <u>invest</u> our time, energy, and resources in those things that most <u>glorify</u> God.

3. I've tried it before and it didn't work.

The <u>enemy</u> of Scripture memorization is giving up.

4. I read the Bible every day. Why should I memorize it?

Scripture memorization is not a <u>replacement</u> for daily Bible reading, but rather a <u>supplement</u>.

Challenge for this week:

- 1. Will you memorize one verse?
- 2. Recite your verse out loud during ABF.